



The Tome of Lummi Island

June 2026 - Volume 61 No. 6



Calendar of Events

June Events - Up to date information at OurLummiIsland.org

May - Sept.	Art Exhibition, Gratitude Mon-Thurs, LIH&W Resource Center	9:00 - 12:00 am
Jun 2, Tue	Footcare, LIH&W Resource Center	By Appointment
June 7, Sun	Joan Keiper Thank You Reception, Island Library, See Pg. 8	2:00 - 4:00 pm
June 9, Tue	Lasagna Dinner, The Gathering Place, See Pg. 11	5:00 - 7:00 pm
June 10, Wed	Music Singalong with Amanda West, Beach School, See Pg. 10	12:30 - 1:30 pm
Jun 11, Thur	Beach School Field Day, Harmony's, See Pg. 10	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
June 13, Fri	LIHT PPP Garden Party, Contact LIHT for, See Pg. 5	3:00 - 4:00 pm
June 19, Fri	Beach School Silent Auction Fundraiser, Beach School, See Pg. 10	4:30 - 7:00 pm
June, 23, Tue	WCFAC Meeting, Note: Location Change this month only, See Pg. 7	
June 28, Sun	Mike Skehan Memorial Service, The Gathering Place	3:30 - 5:00 pm

Weekly

Recycling: Mondays June 8 & 22

Sunday	Island Chapel – Grange Main Building	9:30 - 10:30 am
	Worship Service – Congregational Church Sanctuary	10:30 - 11:30 am
Monday	Meditation, Congregational Church, Social Hall	9:00 am
Tuesday	Island Chapel Ladies' Bible Study – 1759 Joans Ln / Zoom	7:00 pm
	Wellness Yoga, The Gathering Place	9:00 am
Wednesday	Tai Chi, The Gathering Place	9:00 am
	Elderberries Lunch (12pm), Games, and Coffee – The Gathering Place	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
	Island Chapel Family Bible Study – 1759 Joans Ln / Zoom	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Thursday	Chair Yoga, The Gathering Place,	10:00 am
	LIFD Volunteer Firefighting Training (except holidays)	6:30 - 9:00 pm
Friday	Kids Dance, LICC Social Hall	10:00 am
	Coffee Shop and Games – The Gathering Place	10:00 - 11:30 am
	Qigong, Grange Hall	9:00 - 10:00 am
Saturday	Hatha Yoga, The Gathering Place	10:00 am
	Preschool Story Time at the Library Until May 16th	10:30 - 11:00 am
	Dance For Life, The Gathering Place	1:00 pm

Ferry Refueling: June 11 & 25 - 12:10 pm Gooseberry & 1:00 pm Lummi Island Runs Delayed

Monthly

1st Mon.	Emergency Siren Test - <i>Do not call 911</i>	12:00 pm
3rd Mon.	FOIL Board Meeting – Library, Hanson Meeting Room	6:00 pm
1st Tue	LICA Board Meeting - Library, Hanson Meeting Room	7:00 pm
2nd Tue.	WCFD 11 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting - Fire Hall	7:00 pm
4th Tue.	Cemetery Commission Meeting - Grange Hall	4:00 - 5:00 pm
1st Wed.	Grange Meeting - Grange Hall	6:30 pm
4th Wed.	Historical Society, Island Library	6:00 - 7:30 pm
	WCFAC Meeting, Location Change this month only, See Pg. 7	6:00 pm
2nd Thur.	Civic Club - Grange Hall	10:00 am
4th Thur	Library Book Club - Library, Hanson Room	11:00 am - 12:00 pm

LICA Presidents Corner

By David Thorn

With the arrival of summer, please come and visit with us at the island farmer’s market. We will have a table and will be joined by Island Health & Wellness. your questions, suggestions and concerns will help LICA better support the island.

We are starting to work on an updated island phone book. Please be sure to get us any additions or changes to your phone numbers. Best to put them in writing and place them in our drop box across from the post office.

The Lummi Island road cleanup, set for June 13th is cancelled due to any trash on the roads being buried in grass/blackberries. Please be ready for the April 2027 cleanup and keep your eyes open for any lose trash you might find on your island walks.

David

Past Rainfall Totals 2025						
Location	January	February	March	April	May	June
Westshore - Hutton/Byers	2.93	2.62	4.31	1.72	1.14	1.22
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	2.78	3.32	3.70	1.75	1.66	0.92
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	2.82	3.34	4.47	1.73	1.45	0.80
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	2.45	3.37	5.04	1.72	1.69	1.16
Granger Way - Scott Josiah	2.65	3.27	4.17	1.75	1.46	0.80
Scenic Estates - Crawford	1.94	3.09	4.82	1.76	1.28	1.10

Current Rainfall Totals 2026						
Location	January	February	March	April	May	June
Westshore - Hutton/Byers	3.32	1.95	5.31	1.47		
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	4.10	1.90	4.97	1.52		
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	4.90	2.51	5.53	1.39		
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	5.21	3.02	6.71	1.27		
Granger Way - Scott josiah	3.82	2.34	4.72	1.07		
Scenic Estates - Crawford	4.50	2.78	5.58	1.16		

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LICA BLOOD DRIVE with BloodworksNW - July 13, 2026

Our next LICA Blood Drive will be on Monday July 13th at the Gathering Place. Please note the venue as this is different than our normal blood drive location on the island. We have just over 1/2 of our time slots allotted, but we can accommodate up to 41 donors. We have many times available in the afternoon starting after 11:50 a.m..

To register for the July 13th blood drive, or to check your current reserved time slot, you can click this link: https://donate.bloodworksnw.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/97348 If you need assistance with this, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

So far in 2026, we have had 3 Blood Drives and we have collected 51 precious pints of blood from our generous islanders. However, there were 69 booked slots for donors for those same drives. Why is that? There are many reasons why this can happen...

Common Deferral Reasons

Most blood donation deferrals are temporary, meaning if you've been deferred from donating in the past, you may be eligible again soon. Here are the most common reasons for donor deferrals.

Low Iron >	Irregular/Abnormal Pulse	Cancer
Blood Pressure	Travel Malaria Risk >	Hepatitis B Vaccine
High Temperature/Fever	Antibiotics >	Minimum Weight Requirement

And, frequently on our island, its just remembering to bring your photo ID!!

How to prepare for your donation:

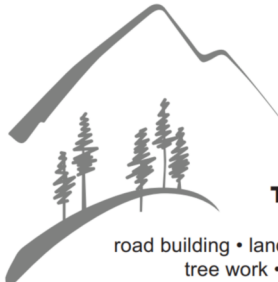
- Hydrate - start this a couple of days prior to your donation date
- Eat regular meals on the day of blood donation
- Bring your picture ID
- Complete the [QuickPass](#) health history questionnaire online the day of donation before you arrive. This saves time!

Some tips to increase your iron level:

- Iron supplements may help replace lost iron and may be taken daily. Iron tablets (like all supplements and medicine) should be used with guidance from your health care provider, and be stored out of reach of children (Iron supplements are not recommended if you are known to have Hemochromatosis or Crohn's disease).
- Having vitamin C along with iron increases your body's absorption of iron (orange juice, citrus fruits, tomatoes, cantaloupe, strawberries).
- Meats have the highest iron content, so vegetarians have to work harder to get enough iron, but still have lots of good dietary choices.
- Even cooking in an iron skillet adds iron to whatever you are making. (true!)

Some foods and beverages may decrease iron absorption, including caffeine (coffee, tea, colas) as well as some antacid medications.

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Lummi Island Evacuation Planning Group

By Rebekah Paci-Green

The Lummi Island Evacuation Planning Group has been considering Assembly Areas, which are open spaces where people can congregate away from immediate danger during an emergency. There, they can learn about the situation, seek first aid, and find out where, when, and how to evacuate.

Why do we need Assembly Areas? Imagine a disaster response where everyone on the island is unsure about what is happening or what they should be doing. In the confusion, everyone heads over to the fire hall or the ferry landing, mills about, and parks vehicles on the side of the road. The fire department may struggle to get county resources onto the island and quickly deploy resources. Assembly Areas allow for a rapid response and orderly evacuation.

The Evacuation Planning Group is currently identifying a few potential assembly areas in South, Central, and North Island. Once sites have been identified, the Fire Department will contact property owners and discuss their willingness to have their property serve as an assembly area.

The ideal site would be able to hold 50 or more cars, have accessible shelter and toilets, be reasonably close to a marine access point, and avoid the ferry landing and fire hall. In a South island incident, the Fire Department may also like to keep S Nugent Rd south of Legoe Bay Rd and Sunrise Road clear for response vehicles.

It's quite the puzzle! No assembly area will meet all these desired criteria. If you have ideas about ideal assembly areas, please send your ideas to greenr21@wwu.edu or leave a message at 360-650-2707.

Remembering Mary Stack 1947 - 2026

By Christine Green



It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of our sister Mary Robin Stack on May 13, 2026 at age 78. After graduating from U-E High School she began her education at Bucknell and Corning, then finishing at Yale University. She spent most of her life in California at the University of California Irvine, Laguna Beach, and Santa Barbara working in public health, and devoting herself to the rescue of coastal marine mammals. She later retired to Lummi Island off the coast of Washington state where she found a wonderful community of friends. She has led a truly adventurous life! Mary is pre-deceased by her parents, Dr. Donald and Robin Stack, and her brother Michael B. Stack. She is survived by brothers Donald Stack (Ginny), Edward Stack (Joy), Chris Stack (Kathy), and sister Holly Stack (David Rossi). She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. She has requested that there be no funeral service. We will always remember Mary's laughter and determination with love and fond memories.





We were delighted by the enthusiastic response to the launch of the Personal Preserve Program (PPP) on April 19 and grateful for the many thoughtful comments we received. Attendees also took home native plant starts to add to their own landscapes.

On May 17, several PPP participants joined Alika Herreshoff and Alan Richardson of the Washington Native Plant Society for a lovely Sunday afternoon walk through the Otto Preserve, learning to recognize and appreciate a wide variety of native flowers, shrubs, and trees. Now we are looking forward to the first PPP Garden Party of the summer on Saturday June 13th from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Attendees will tour the Personal Preserve of Lummi Island gardener Linda Sheek, with time to learn from one another, share ideas, and enjoy refreshments together. Please RSVP at info@liht.org for more details and to receive Linda's address. We hope you can join us!

Thank You for Welcoming the Gathering of the Eagles Thank you to everyone who helped welcome the Gathering of the Eagles to Lummi Island! From donations of fresh fruit and supplies to those who came out to greet the canoes, your generosity and presence helped create a meaningful reception for all who arrived. Gatherings like this are a powerful reminder of the importance of connection, tradition, and community. We are grateful to everyone who contributed their time, resources, and support to help honor this special visit.

Honoring Janet Bonaparte LIHT gathered to honor the life and legacy of Janet Bonaparte on May 31st with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque at the Aiston Preserve, recognizing her lasting impact on Lummi Island. Janet's generosity, care for the island, and commitment to preserving the places that make this community special will continue to be felt for years to come. We are deeply grateful for her enduring contributions and for the community members who joined us in celebrating her life and legacy.

Forest Fest Cancellation Notice We're sorry to share that this year's Forest Fest has been cancelled. While we were looking forward to gathering together in celebration of our supporters and community, circumstances beyond our control made it necessary to cancel this year's event. We know many community members look forward to Forest Fest each year, and we appreciate your understanding and continued support. Thank you to everyone who helped plan, volunteer, and support the event. We look forward to future opportunities to gather together and celebrate the natural beauty of Lummi Island.

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Meals on Wheels

By Pam Wifler

Meals on Wheels delivers up to 7 nutritionally balanced meals per week to home-bound seniors throughout Whatcom and San Juan Counties. Meals are delivered by dedicated volunteer and staff drivers and are provided on a donation-only basis. No eligible senior is turned away due to inability to contribute.

As LICA's volunteer coordinator for Lummi Island I am tasked at scheduling our drivers. I'm looking for more help! Can you volunteer? Parish Nurses pay the ferry fare and Whatcom Counsel for Aging will reimburse mileage. It's about 3 hours on Monday morning.

Thank you for considering this service opportunity! If interested please call me at 360-788-3511. Or you can directly apply at <https://whatcomcoa.org>



Neighbors Caring for Neighbors: A Reflection from Pam Gould



Living on Lummi Island for more than 50 years has taught me something important: island life is built on neighbors supporting neighbors. Over the decades, I've been helped and able to support so many Island friends during both difficult times and joyful ones. This sense of community is what inspired me, nearly 10 years ago, to join a small group of like-minded islanders, many of us newly retired or nearing retirement from healthcare professions, to create what would become Lummi Island Health & Wellness.

At the beginning, our efforts were simple and grassroots. We organized health fairs and shared information about services and resources available to islanders. During the Covid pandemic, we helped coordinate immunization clinics on the Island. We simply saw needs in our community and wanted to help. Watching this organization grow has been truly amazing.

Today, Lummi Island Health & Wellness has a Resource Center that supports a wide range of programs and services for our community. These include health and wellness classes, telehealth support, help navigating online patient portals, Home Safety resources and training, free grab bars and installation assistance, we partner with the Fire Department for immunization clinics and CPR and AED classes for island caregivers, and schedule monthly visits from Northwest Regional Council senior service advisors. We also have patient advocates available to help islanders navigate complex health issues and life changes.

What continues to inspire me most is the spirit behind all of it. As islanders, we value our independence. But we also understand how important it is to lean on one another in times of crisis, recovery, and celebration. The strength of this community has always come from the willingness of neighbors to show up for each other.

It has been a true pleasure to support the community I love for so many years. Because of that, I remain deeply committed and honored to serve on the Board of Lummi Island Health & Wellness.

Find out more about Lummi Island Health & Wellness at www.lummihw.org



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By Festival Committee



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The big ferry-related news is that the Whatcom County Council, by a vote of 5-2, established a county-wide Ferry Taxing District. Many islanders supported the passage with letter writing to Council Members, by speaking at the Council meeting on May 12, by walking the ferry line and also passing the word to friends and contacts. This new tax district will draw on revenue from all of Whatcom County, including rural and incorporated areas. The levy can be no more than \$.10/\$1,000 of assessed property value, or \$50 on a \$500,000 property.

County Council Members will be having work sessions to determine the actual Levy rate, and what component of ferry costs the tax can be used for. One big hope is that the Levy will provide a stable, long-term funding source to finance payments for a new ferry, and thus be able to utilize the \$35 million grants that have already been approved. Another important aspect is the new tax will free up a portion of County Road Funds for maintenance on the 900+ miles of county roads. The first Council Work Session to consider Levy rate scenarios was scheduled for June 2, and there will likely be another work session later this month. We will make notices on Brown Betty, and Next Door if there are updates.

Note Location Change: June's WCFAC meeting is scheduled to take place in Bellingham on Tuesday, June 23, at 6pm, in Bellingham. The location is the Garden Level Room at 322 N. Commercial. We are hoping to have Council Members and Public Works personnel present, providing ferry updates, and other considerations. Sorry, but this is an in-person only event (no Zoom). As always, WCFAC meeting Agendas and Minutes are available, linked through the Lummi Island Ferry website page, at <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/521/Whatcom-County-Ferry-Advisory-Committee>.



Lummi Island Action Grange

By Carolyn Jewell-Jenkins

What makes a “action” Grange unique? We recognize the value and traditions of Grange history, without the rituals that are no longer relevant today. We acknowledge the place of personal faith, without making it a focal point or requirement. We look for ways to serve our community, not just our members. Your Lummi Island Grange is committed to looking forward, while honoring the past decisions and actions put forth by the Grange, which enhance our lives today. EVERYONE is welcome here!

For over 25 years, the Lummi Island Grange has sponsored the Dolly Parton ‘Imagination Library’ for all Island children ages birth to 5 years. This wonderful program sends an award winning book each month to the child, at no cost to the families. The Grange raises funds to provide the books through the aluminum recycling program, located at the Grange. Cans are taken to town by dedicated members and the money raised goes to the Imagination Library fund. All children on Lummi Island are eligible to participate in the Imagination Library program and if you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact Carolyn Jewell Jenkins lummijewell49@gmail.com.

COMING IN JULY!

The ever so delicious **PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!**

Saturday, July 4th at the Grange. 8:30am to 10:30am

Pancakes (plain and blueberry), scrambled eggs, link sausages, lemonade, coffee & tea.

Adults - \$10; Kids (under 12) - \$5 (Cash/Local check/Venmo/Credit/Debit)



Island Library, Sunday June 7, 2 - 4 pm

"If you want to get something done, give it to a busy person." This adage certainly applies to Joan Keiper who is being honored at a Thank You reception on June 7 from 2 to 4pm at the Island Library. Retiring after 21 years on the Friends of Island Library Board, Joan started the annual auction, expanded the annual book sale, and served as president of the board during the major remodel of the library. She has also been an active member of the Island Historical Society.



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Lummi Island Civic Club

By Molly Forman



And That's a Wrap on the Civic Club Plant Expo!

Wow—what a wonderful day we had at the Civic Club Plant Expo on May 2! It was a tremendous success, and we are so grateful for everyone's donations, hard work, and support.

Thank you to everyone who donated plants for the Plant Department, gifts for the Gift Shoppe, raffle prizes, treats for the Garden Café, and baked goods for the sale. We also appreciate all the helping hands that made the event happen—from set up and decorating to pie baking, serving root beer floats, cashiering, and helping shoppers with their purchases. Special thanks go to department leads Debbi Barnes-Josiah, Erin Deinzer, and Becky Crawford, and to raffle team members Carol McKinney and Sandra Clavero. The raffle raised an amazing \$1,052 for the Lummi Island Parish Health Ministry, which provides medical equipment, transportation help, ferry passes, grocery support, and connections to other needed services. We were proud to present them with a check at our May meeting.

Our most recent club meeting was held on May 14, when members received an update on the Plant Expo and elected officers for 2026–2027. We also enjoyed the annual Island Scavenger Hunt organized by Jan Granger, always a fun way to learn more about Lummi Island and each other. Congratulations to the winning team: Carol McKinney, Erin Deinzer, and Molly Forman.

Our re-elected officers for 2026–2027:

- President - Carolyn Jewell-Jenkins
- Vice President - Becky Crawford
- Treasurer - Sandra Clavero
- Secretary - Molly Forman
- Programs Chairperson - Erin Deinzer

In June, we will celebrate our last meeting of the season with a potluck at the L.I. Grange Hall. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. instead of our usual 10:00 a.m., and everyone is invited to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. All island women are encouraged to join us—we would love to welcome new faces, enjoy time together, and celebrate a year of success.

After our June meeting, we will take our usual two-month summer hiatus and return on Thursday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the Grange Hall. Even during the summer, club members will stay active by helping with Elderberries lunch on July 29, supporting Beach School with needed supplies, and joining the Island Parade later in the season.

The Lummi Island Civic Club is open to all island women. Founded in 1916, we are dedicated to volunteerism and fundraising in support of charitable, educational, and cultural services on Lummi Island. And while it may not be in our mission statement, we definitely have fun doing it!

If you are a woman and an island resident, we hope to see you in June!



The Historical Society meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Island Library, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Next meeting: Jun 24th., 6:00 pm at the library. Open to all.

We are currently working on opening the museum at Village Point during the Reef Net Festival.

If you have skills or experience you'd like to share or would like to be part of establishing a museum on the Island, please contact: Joan Keiper- (360) 739-0146 or joan@Keiper.us or Jane Phillips at (360) 389-6697 or thorndale2phillips@gmail.com

OUR FIRST PIONEERS The Lummi Island Story by Frank M. Taft *continued*

RECREATION: I recall the buildings of the P.A.F, the bunk house and mess hall, and after they'd left, were turned into a dance hall de luxe, where we could all dance without paying two bucks, For music we had a gramo-phone, first one on the island Chris Tuttle did own. Oscar Lane sometimes would stop at the hall. He knew all kind of dances, some he would call. Here's one when called, they'd dance like sin, it was "Birdie fly out and Hawkie fly in." And those bunks in the building you could tell at a glance—that the babies could sleep there so their mothers could dance. Those were the days of the salmon years—that they'd ever vanish we had no fears. Then if you'd like a fish anytime, just go help yourself and not pay a dime. Of course years before, I've heard people say, salmon were so thick around Legoe Bay, you could walk on their backs, and it was a safe bet, that even your feet would never get wet. I remember the island's first Model "T" Ford, belonged to Seward McDonald, my how it roared. Pete Nugent once drove it over a pile of dirt; it turned clear over but Pete wasn't hurt. In those days you'd better look out, or you'd come back home, one leg without. At the foot of the mountain, on the south side, the Schenk's built a home, there to abide. They had a dock and to make a rhyme, I'd say you could land there at any time. And at Deepwater Bay you can get a glance where they filmed a movie called The Winds of Chance. Speaking of the mountain you might like to know what the Indians called Lummi a long time ago. It means high mount (like up you go). It's spelled like this—Sa-mam-a-ho.

Next month - PEDAGOGUES

Lummi Island Congregational Church

By Rhayma Blake

The All-Island Rummage Sale rope drop is 4 pm, July 3rd. The ultimate in music, fun, food, and the recycling of treasures continues on the 4th of July. You can start dropping your donations off at 5 pm, July 1st. Remember, no large appliances, mattresses, hot water heaters, sofas, large recliners, electronics...anything huge and heavy. And if you reach out to Jane at (360) 389-6697 to volunteer, she'll be sure you get a \$10 voucher to go shop for those fabulous bargains of clothing, tools, kids' games, linens, small appliances, you name it. And remember, you can spend it at the beer and wine garden or grab a brat or hot dog off the grill.

Don't miss **Lasagna Night**, Tuesday, June 9th at 5 pm at The Gathering Place. Suggested donation just \$15 for a great meal. The next Parish Dinner is currently on the calendar for August 11th.

Coffee continues Fridays at 10 am at The Gathering Place. It's a special opportunity to meet or catch up with fellow Islanders and enjoy tea, coffee, and one of those sweet treats.

Elderberries meets every Wednesday with hot lunch at Noon and three different game tables from 11-2 pm. Join us! **Note**, there will not be an Elderberries gathering on July 1st as we prep for the Rummage Sale.

Join us for **Church Service** at 10:30 am Sundays for Pastor Jamie's insights and an hour of song, sharing, and hope.

Meditation, Wellness Yoga, Island Improv, Tai Chi, Chair Yoga, Hatha Yoga, Kid's Dance, and Dance for Life all continue. Find more details at www.lummichurch.org, www.ligatheringplace.com, and www.lummihw.org. Email us at office@lummichurch.com or call (360) 758-2060 with questions.

And remember, no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.





May has been busy at Beach School with the last of our Pottery Enrichment with Joanie Roteman and her helpers! Garden Enrichment started with Rhaychell Davis, Stu Robertson, and Nicole Nielsen. Erin Suda from our Island Library has been meeting with our students all year on Fridays after school. We are so grateful for all our Enrichments and the Community's time and commitment.

BEPTO hopes to make its goal of \$4,000 with the "Galaxy Gallop" Jogathon. Donations accepted through June 12. BEPTO supports our teachers and staff with supplies, field trips, enrichments, school events, and classroom projects. Nicole Nielsen, Rianna Godshall, Lindsey Escalante and Serena Dabney have gone above and beyond for Beach School, and we are so thankful. We couldn't do it without BEPTO, LIFE, and our Community!

JUNE HAPPENINGS: June 10 12:30-1:30 The Community and families are invited to a music sing-along with Amanda West. Amanda sings with our students once a month and is having a group sing to close out the musical year. Field Day is June 11 at the Harmony's 11:00-2:00. Come join the fun! Graduation is June 12 at 8:30 and is an early release day which marks the last day of school.

SPECIAL EVENT: June 19 from 4:30 pm-7:00 pm Silent Auction Fundraiser at Beach Elementary. There will be live bands, food for purchase, and fun items to bid on like yummy pies, theme baskets, gift certificates, Salmon, services, and more. Come check it out and support Beach School. We still need more items for the silent auction, so if you would like to donate, please drop off items at the school with the value noted.

SCHOOL'S — out for — SUMMER

Saturday Market

By Lynn Dee

A Summer of Fun at The Market - Every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

Opening Day at the Saturday Market was definitely fun and full of music. We had a great variety of interesting booths from produce and plant starts to art; featuring fiber arts such as quilts, paintings, rock art, candles, jewelry and pottery. One of our new vendors this season is our local bakery with a variety of baked goods.

One of the Market highlight this year was having two musical performances. In the morning, we were entertained by "Jimmy the Lock" and in the afternoon, we heard from Shawn Mccole on the steel guitar, accompanying himself on vocals.

If you or someone you know would like to perform at the Market, please contact Patricia Coe at 619-403-0461.





Lasagna Night at The Gathering Place, Tuesday, June 9th Skip the cooking on Tuesday, June 9th, and join your neighbors at The Gathering Place from 5–7 pm for dinner. Robert (aka Roberto!) will be serving up hot lasagna and fresh garlic bread for a suggested donation of \$15. It's the perfect opportunity to catch up with friends and enjoy a classic meal. See you at the table!

The Gathering Place is now booking weddings for 2026 & 2027! Did you know that you can book both the Lummi Island Congregational Church and The Gathering Place for your wedding? Everything you need for your special day in one location! Visit our website at <http://ligatheringplace.com> or contact info@ligatheringplace.com for more information.

For those planning other private events, The Gathering Place offers competitive pricing for meetings, retreats and fundraisers, baby showers, birthday parties, family reunions, memorials and other celebrations. With its large main hall, state-of-the-art kitchen, restrooms, ample parking, and beautiful outdoor patio and access to the beach, we've got you covered!!

We would also like to promote a "Lummi Island Preferred Vendor List" for those who offer on-island event services. For example: event planning, catering and other food services, photography, accommodations, flower arrangements, personal beauty care, transportation coordination, childcare, dressmaking/alterations, etc. If you offer any of these – or if you think your service is a fit for this list – contact us at info@ligatheringplace.com – and we'll contact you about being added to the list. For information or questions, ask one of our friendly board members (Barbara Boulanger, Julie Bredy, Sahara Burson, Robert Keller, Judy Olsen, Tom Philpot, Rebecca Rettmer, Kjell Rye, Hans Trieselmann) or visit our website at <http://ligatheringplace.com> and/or email info@ligatheringplace.com for answers to your questions.

TGP Events - Save the Date

- **Lasagna Night:** June 9th (Tues) 5 - 7
- **FIFA World Cup Final Watch Party:** July 19th, (Sun) Doors open at 11:00, kickoff is at noon (more info coming soon!)
- **Labor Day Artist's Tour:** September 5th and 6th (Sat/Sun) 11 - 5
- **Oktoberfest:** October 3rd (Sat) 5 - 8
- **November Artist's Tour:** November 14th and 15th (Sat/Sun) 11 - 5

Ramblings on the Rock

Geoducks! (GOO-ee-duk) a name derived from the indigenous language from south Puget Sound - a large edible saltwater clam and is the largest burrowing clam. While the shell of the clam averages 6-8" the siphons of the clam may be as long a 3'. It is also one of the longest living animals with a lifespan of 140 years or longer. The age may be determined by counting the rings on the shell, just as for trees. Geoducks are found all throughout the Eastern Pacific coastline. They are not as common up north as in the south preferring the muddy sandy south sound beaches as opposed to our more rocky shorelines. As a food source geoducks are more popular in Asia than here and the clams are shipped on a daily basis from Seattle to Asian markets.

Many islanders will remember Leo Travenshenk a reef netter and fisherman on the island. In 1991 Leo, built a seawater line to his property on Legoe Bay and for many years sold a variety of seafood from live tanks fed by the saltwater pipe in a business known as Leo's Live. In 2012 Leah Paisano approached Leo about using his tanks and the fresh seawater to create a nursery for Geoduck clams. Leo agreed and after a substantial amount of work by the hands of several islanders, Leah transformed the property and began the nursery in the summer of 2012.



Leah has a Marine Science degree from Western Washington University and worked for the Lummi Nation for many years as a shellfish biologist before branching out to create the shellfish nursery. Her operation obtains adult geoducks from the south sound, raises the baby clams from birth to spat and sells to farmers who raise and harvest the adult clams for sale.

The water in the north sound is good for this type of operation. Water quality is paramount and Leah maintains a complete lab on site to test water quality, both incoming and outgoing, and has 14 years of water data. With this data she is able to see real time change in water quality and pointed out that shellfish nurseries were the first to establish the connection between acidic ocean water conditions and the impact on microscopic marine life.

Phytoplankton tanks



Baby Geoducks



Adult geoducks



In order to grow the spat Leah must also grow their food - Phytoplankton, which is the food source for the clams and is the base of the marine food chain. For a balanced diet several varieties of phytoplankton are necessary. So much of her time is spent growing their food. She likened it to feeding teenage boys!

Leah currently operates an all woman crew and she employs several islanders to assist in the care and feeding of the clams. Her geoduck nursery is a real tribute to the marine heritage of Lummi Island. Future plans under consideration are an expansion of her shellfish program, kelp hatchery production, or other industries that utilize the valuable saltwater pipe Leo cleverly installed.

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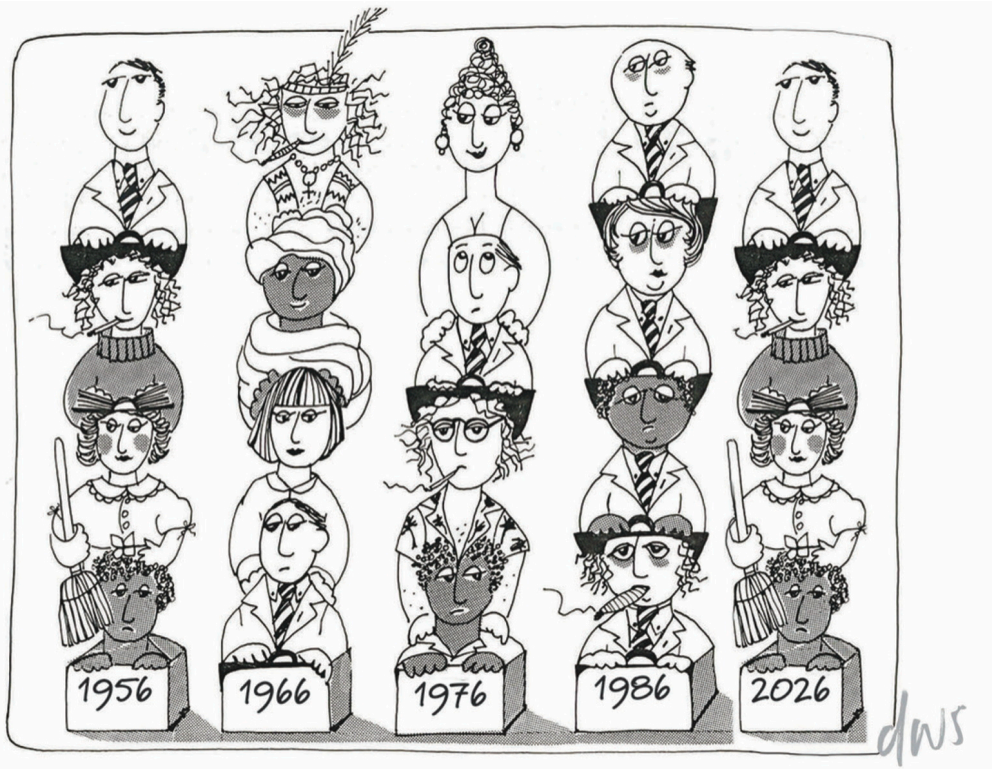
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